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People will vacation on other planets.



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Mailbox



Pigskin Pig-out

We asked readers what is the best snack to eat while watching football. Read on and munch out!

"What an easy question! I think everybody agrees with me that nachos and cheese is the best food to eat."

Larry Walker II, 14
New Castle, Delaware

"I like to eat fried chicken during a football game because it gives me energy."


McKenzie Strunk, 12
Bend, Oregon

"The best food to eat is something you can throw at the TV when the other team scores, like popcorn or carrot sticks."

Brittany Boyles, 10
Rock Springs, Wyoming

"You need to have junk food like potato chips and pop. You can't just sit down and watch the Super Bowl and eat vegetables."

Sarah Sutton, 11
Butler, Pennsylvania



"Lambeau Field bratwurst: It's the best food for cheering on the Green Bay Packers. This is from a die-hard cheesehead."

Ashley Marzynski, 12
Mosinee, Wisconsin

"If you want to pretend you're at the game, eat hot dogs. But the best things to eat while watching it on TV are pizza, potato chips and soda."

Jada Hollins, 10
Pasadena, California

"I think eating pizza and drinking pop during a game is so totally in."

Becca Rowan, 14
Topeka, Kansas

Write to Us!

We want to know what you think of this issue. Tell us what you've been doing lately, or write about this month's topic: Name your favorite show involving an alien or someone with super powers. Why is it so great?

Send letters, along with your name, birth date, address and telephone number, to: Mailbox/Disney Adventures, P.O. Box 861, New York, NY 10113-0861. Your letter must be sent with the signed release form on page 74 in order for us to consider it for publication. All materials sent become the property of Disney Adventures, and all rights thereto are transferred to Disney Adventures. They may be used without compensation or acknowledgment and cannot be returned.

"I do not really watch football, but when I really have to, I eat chili with pickles."

Chelsea Kearsley-Brown, 9
Clearwater, Florida

Editor's note: With this gross food combination, we hope you don't watch football very often!



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HOT LIST

Each month, a different class reports on what's in and out. This month's judging panel: Ms. Watson's fifth-grade homeroom class at **Warner Elementary School** in Wilmington, Delaware.

HOT

Philadelphia Eagles
Bell-bottoms
Doom (CD-ROM)
"Chillin'"

NOT

Tennessee Oilers
Corduroy pants
Oregon Trail (CD-ROM)
"Cool"

New Speak

Revamp your vocab for the new year with this extra-long list of D.A. slang.

Blamestorming. Discussing why something went wrong. "You guys should quit blamestorming the referees and get ready for our next game."

Elvis year. Popularity peak. "Last year was Alanis Morissette's Elvis year."

I don't make the fries. Used to express lack of influence on a situation. "Hey, I don't make the fries. If you want Dina to meet you at the movies, ask her yourself."

Irritainment. Something that's annoying but addictive. "Listening to

'Wannabe' is sheer irritainment—but Spice is my favorite album!"

Suitcase. A really boring person who doesn't keep up with the latest trends. "Check out the suitcase in the hot pink bell-bottoms!"

Tape the gerbil. To study hard. "Rachel spent the last two weeks in the library taping the gerbil for that science test."

What are you, new? How could you not have known that? "When is New Year's? What are you, new? I can't even answer that."

Wordrobe. A person's lingo. "Jimmy looks square, but he's a total skate rat—just listen to his wordrobe."



• Real Teachers. Real Kids. Real Bad Excuses!

We polled tons of teachers for the funniest excuses they've ever heard from students who didn't do their homework. The classic "My dog ate my homework" flunks big time when compared with:



"I had to fly to the North Pole this morning with my uncle."



"My dad took it to work with him. He's an astronaut and he's in space."



"I found a cockroach in my binder. When I shook it out over the toilet, my homework fell in."



"I got a sunburn."



"I left my backpack in my neighbor's car. They'll be back next week."







"It's lost in cyberspace."



Happy Birthday to Everyone

In some countries, New Year's Day is "Everyman's Birthday," because a year is added to a person's age on January 1 instead of on the anniversary of each person's birth.

JANUARY 1998						
sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
4  U.S. Figure Skating Championships begin.	5 1998 is the International Year of the Ocean. Jump in!	6 International Snow Sculpting Championships in Breckenridge, CO	7  1927: Telephone service between New York and London begins.	1 Hello, '98!	2 Show him the presents! Jerry Maguire star Cuba Gooding Jr. turns 30.	3 Pump up the volume for National Radio Month.
11 1973: Baseball's American League adopts the designated hitter rule.	12 Show your appreciation this week during International Thank You Days.	13 Take a Poetry Break: Celebrate by reading your favorite rhyme aloud.	14  Happy eighteenth birthday to "The Simpsons."	15 Championship Snowmobile Derby in Eagle River, WI	16  Bold Eagle Appreciation Days begin in Keokuk, IA.	10 Who needs a sled? Snow Shovel Riding Contest in Economy, PA. Tim Carrey turns 36—and he gets sillier as he gets older!
18 1644: The first UFO sighting by a person in North America 	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	 Happy 68th Birthday Buzz Aldrin, the second astronaut on the moon.	21 National Handwriting Analysis Week	22 Answer Your Cat's Question Day	23 National Pie Day: Top yours off with vanilla ice cream.	24 Chinese New Year Festival in San Francisco
25 Grab a good seat on the couch for Super Bowl XXXII.	26  Have you kept any of your resolutions?	27 Invent a dessert you can make with snow.	28 1990: Holy Highest Super Bowl score! The San Francisco 49ers beat the Denver Broncos, 55-10.	29 What kind of party will Andrew Keegan ("Party of Five") have for his 10th B-day?	30 Macinaw Mush Stod Dog Race in Macinaw City, MI	31  1928: Scotch tape invented.

Ticket

Wag Time



"Mr. Magoo," the popular 1960s cartoon, has been made into a live-action movie featuring the bumbling, fumbling and stumbling Magoo (played by Leslie Nielsen, above).

Luckily, the king of klutzes has his trusty bulldog, Angus, to help see him through it all. Although four dogs played the part of Angus, Lily got her paws on the most screen time. Lily's trainer, Ray Beal, gave us a sneak peek into this pampered pooch's Hollywood life.

Kid Stuff: Most of the clothes used for the part of Angus were taken off the kids' rack and tailored to fit the bulldog—who has her own wardrobe person.

Closet Count: Lily has six different outfits: a bathrobe, a Hawaiian shirt, a formal tuxedo, a life vest, snow clothing and a safari getup.

Here's Lily doing her favorite activity in her favorite outfit. "Her favorite thing to do is hang out," Ray admits. "But she likes to work, too."

Color Me Brown: To look like the other actor bulldogs, Lily needed a dye job. She was originally all white until the makeup people colored her ears brown and added a few brown spots to her body. "The dye takes about 45 minutes to apply and lasts six weeks," Ray says.

Oh Boy, It's a Girl: Angus is a male dog even though three of the four pooches playing the role are dog actresses.

Doggie Decor: Lily digs Angus's bedroom decor, including dalmatian bedsheets and curtains. Says Ray, "She's seen *101 Dalmatians* a couple of times, and she's even friends with the stars, Pongo and Perdyl."

—Craig Warner



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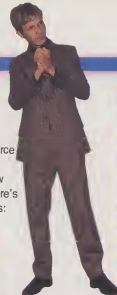
MTV Madness

Music's top stars were out in force for the 1997 MTV Video Music Awards, held once again at New York's Radio City Music Hall. Here's a look at the too cool attendees:



▲ **Speech! Speech!** No Doubt had to speak when they won Best Group Video for "Don't Speak."

We'll tell you what the Spice Girls want, what they really, really want. They want to win an award, that's what! And they did—Best Dance Video for "Wannabe." ▼



▲ **Moon man overload!** Beck was the night's big winner, taking home five awards, one for "Devil's Haircut" and four for "The New Pollution."



▲ **Rap pioneer LL Cool J** took home the first MTV Video Vanguard Award given to a rap artist.

NameDropping

Gossip, Gossip, Gossip

Babe is back! When we last saw the little pig, he'd just beat a bunch of dogs at the local sheepherding competition. Now, in the sequel, *Babe in Metropolis*

(currently filming in Sydney, Australia), Babe must use those skills to save the farm from bankruptcy. See, he accidentally causes a *little* accident that lands Farmer Hoggett (**James Cromwell**) in traction and unable to work. So Mrs. Hoggett takes Babe overseas to demonstrate the pig's remarkable talents in the big city....The **Foo Fighters** have

confirmed that guitarist **Pat Smear** has left the group and **Franz Stahl** is replacing him. Stahl previously played with bandleader **Dave Grohl** in the group **Scream**....

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Cromwell and Babe



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Nicolas Cage, who is starring in Tim Burton's *Superman*, isn't doing any special training to play the Man of Steel.



Nicolas Cage

Maybe because this time the role will focus more on Superman's outsider status

and less on his superhuman powers....

Scott Wolf ("Party of Five") told Rosie O'Donnell of a recent visit to his old New Jersey home. When he knocked on the door, the residents screamed when they recognized



Scott Wolf

him. Then they took him on a tour of the house so he could reminisce. His old

bedroom, now occupied by a 16-year-old girl, had Scott Wolf posters all over the walls! How bizarre, how bizarre....

New Releases

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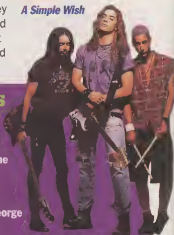
For Richer or Poorer

Tim Allen and Kirstie Alley play an unhappily married rich couple who hide out in Amish country to avoid the taxman.

In Video Stores

Air Bud

A Simple Wish



Wild Guys

Brendan Fraser loves crazy characters. Here, he rates his three wackiest roles—Link, the defrosted cave dude in *Encino Man*; Chazz, the guitar-god wannabe in *Airheads* (right); and George in *George of the Jungle*.

Best dressed: "Chazz probably thinks he is—being cool is of the utmost importance to him."

Smartest: "Uh, I think they'd have to have a three-way arm-wrestling competition to figure that one out."

Best hair: "Let's just say they all have a lot of hair."

Loudest: "George, by far."

Best traveling bud: "George. He's an adventurous dude. We'd go to the jungle, of course."



We've got 25 free copies of *George of the Jungle* to give away. To win, send your name, address, age and phone number (before January 26) to: George Giveaway/DISNEY ADVENTURES, 500 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521-6163. (See rules on page 75.)

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Titanic Tidbits

A hoy! The world's largest sunken ship rises to the big screen this month. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio (*William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet*) and Kate Winslet (*Sense and Sensibility*), *Titanic* tells the story of the "unsinkable" ship that sank in 1912.



Leonardo DiCaprio
and Kate Winslet

Titanic historian Don Lynch served as a consultant on the movie and shared these behind-the-scenes secrets:

- Lead characters Rose and Jack (played by Kate and Leo) are fictional, but other characters in the movie were real passengers on the *Titanic*.
- Sets built at the bottom of a 30-foot-deep tank were flooded with 5 million gallons of water. "Leo fooled everyone by saying he was afraid of water," Don laughs.
- The crew propped padded dummies along the deck railing so the actors wouldn't get hurt during the sinking sequence.



Horsin' Around

She doesn't ride one on "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," but Jessica Bowman (who plays medical student Colleen Cooper) loves horses. In fact, this 17-year-old has spent the last few months learning to jump her horse, Sombre.

How long have you been horseback riding?

"About four years. I took lessons in North Carolina before I started 'Dr. Quinn.' Now I ride on breaks and at my dad's ranch."

Who do you hang out with on the set?

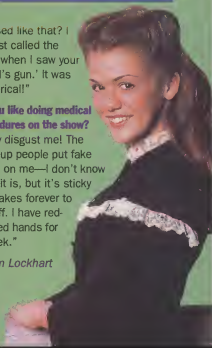
"Mostly Chad Allen [Matthew]. We went to Starbucks once in our wardrobe—he had his fake gun; I wore my prairie dress—and people totally stared. The next day, I went back in costume again and the Starbucks guy says, 'Why are you

dressed like that? I almost called the cops when I saw your friend's gun.' It was hysterical!"

Do you like doing medical procedures on the show?

"They disgust me! The makeup people put fake blood on me—I don't know what it is, but it's sticky and takes forever to get off. I have red-stained hands for a week."

—Kim Lockhart



Ticket

Holly Jolly Holiday Videos

How the Grinch Stole Christmas:

The evil Grinch raids Whoville's Christmas trees, but he can't steal their holiday spirit!

A Christmas Story: This film's most important lesson? Never, ever lick a frozen metal pole!

A Pinky & The Brain Christmas: In an attempt to take over the world, the Brain transforms himself into a doll that can manipulate minds.



Mouthin' Off

"On occasion, I've taken the test that's been in the teen magazines about me—and I've failed. Isn't that scary?"

—Jonathan Taylor Thomas

Ask Liz

Dear Liz,

is the elephant in *Operation Dumbo Drop* the same one as the George of the Jungle? Megan Brown, 12, Lakewood, Colorado

Dear Megan,
Wow, you deserve a bag o' peanuts because you really know your elephants! The elephant in *Operation Dumbo Drop* and George of the Jungle is named Tai and she weighs 8,000 pounds! Dinh Le, who starred with Tai in *Operation Dumbo Drop*, told D.A. that Tai can use her trunk to pick up a telephone, and she can stand on her head!

Dear Liz,

Can you give me the address for the Andrew Keegan Fan Club? And can you give me personal facts about him?

Melissa Johnston, 11, Manahawick, New Jersey



Dear Melissa,
Andrew, 18, doesn't have a fan club right now, but you can write to him c/o "Party of Five," Fox Broadcasting Company, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA, 90213. Andrew plays a high schooler whom Claudia (Lacey Chabert) has a crush on this season on "Party of Five." Andrew's birthday is January 29, and he likes surfing, snowboarding and working on his cars.

Send your entertainment questions to: Ask Liz/DISNEY ADVENTURES, 500 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521-6153. And if you want me to print your question, fill out the form on page 74 and send it with your letter. Thanks!

D.A.'s Fourth Annual Junior Reporter Contest

Do you know what's cool?



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We're looking for 25 Junior Reporters to keep us on top of what's hot. The winners will be asked to poll their friends on a variety of topics and cover exciting stories throughout the year. They'll also receive a D.A. Press Kit, including a camera, tape recorder, notebook, five pens and an unofficial D.A. Press Pass.

To enter, fill out the application below and complete the following assignment: Ask 10 friends, "If you

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Remember:

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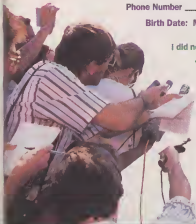
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Parent _____ Date _____

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12. Contest runs from December 9, 1997, through January 26, 1998.

Bond... James Bond



Double uh-oh! A wacko media overlord desperately wants to start World War III to boost his TV ratings. And only one man can stop him—James Bond.

The spy guy returns to the big screen for the 18th time in *Tomorrow Never Dies*. To prepare you for this movie mission, we found out from Agent 007 himself, Pierce Brosnan, what it's like to play Hollywood's greatest secret agent. We've also got the scoop on Bond's new super-sneaky spy toys and stunts. Ready to go undercover? Turn the page.

By Heidi MacDonald

Secret

As world-saving superspy James Bond, actor Pierce Brosnan gets nearly as battered as the character he plays. During the filming of *Tomorrow Never Dies* (opening December 19), he jumped off rooftops, dangled from ropes, and got six stitches in his lip! Here's more from the man of action.

What was the hardest stunt in *Tomorrow Never Dies*?

"Michelle Yeoh [Bond's latest beautiful sidekick] and I jump off a rooftop and rip through a huge 300-foot banner of the bad guy's face. We spent six days on the studio backlot being hoisted up 150 feet by wires attached to our arms and then being dropped down, hoisted up and dropped down. For six days!"

What's the scariest thing about stunts?

"Fire is always scary. Your heart rate always jumps up a notch or two. When you have explosions, you have to run before the [special effects] guys press the button. You hope

you've done your shoelaces. But the worst this time was when one of the stuntmen hit me and cut my lip open."

Whoa! What happened?

"The stuntman was this big lug of a guy. His head flew back during one scene, and his helmet whacked me in the face. I could feel it, but we kept going at it. It's in the movie."

Did you have to go to the hospital?

"Yes, and the poor doctor was confronted by James Bond, three executives from the studio and an assistant, in a tiny waiting room. All the mobile

phones were going.

People were calling back to the studio. I saw this poor doctor thinking, 'Oh, my day was going so well, and now the fate of James Bond is in my hands!'"

Are you afraid anything?

"Hypodermic needles scare the pants off me."



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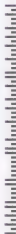
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Agent Man



Michelle Yeoh looks like one of the toughest Bond girls ever.

"She's spectacular, very cool. She plays the Chinese counterpart to Bond, and Michelle is very good at handling herself. In the motorcycle scene, we're handcuffed together on the same bike, and we have to drive the bike over rooftops."

What did you want to be when you were a kid?

"I wanted to be an artist, policeman, cameraman or journalist. I never wanted to be an actor."

How did you get the acting bug?

"I was working at an art studio in South London and one day I went along with a friend to his theater club. It was just the most magical experience, and I went again and again. I'd go and learn dance, acrobatics and fire-eating."

Fire-eating!

"Yes. When I was on 'Muppets Tonight' recently I did some fire-eating."

Do you think James Bond ever gets tired of saving the world?

"No. James Bond will always save the world. It's his duty."

I don't like needles, I don't like snakes, and I don't like rats."

What was your most embarrassing moment making this movie?

"I didn't have one."

I try not to have embarrassing moments. I avoid them."



Bonds Have More Fun

By Kim Lockhart

James Bond wouldn't be nearly as super an agent without all those nifty, high-tech gadgets to help him out of jams. Just check out the spiffy silver-metallic BMW 750iL he drives in *Tomorrow Never Dies*.

Remote Control Phone

It's a phone and remote control device for 007's car. He uses it to drive the car and activate its special gizmos when he's not behind the wheel.

Rocket Launcher

Forget the sunroof! With the push of a button, 12-foot-long rockets fire from the area you'd normally open to catch some rays.

Tire Poppers

Bond's bumper drops a bunch of four-sided spikes all over the road. What a sharp way to win a car chase!

Reinflating Tires

Like the world's greatest secret agent would drive a car that could possibly be stopped by a flat tire! We think not.



Bond-Aids

James Bond's car from *Tomorrow Never Dies* is only the latest in his long line of amazing accessories. Here's a look at some of 007's greatest spy toys from movies past.



Bell Textron Jet Pack (*Thunderball*): This easy to slip on jet pack sends 007 flying through the air to escape the oncoming bad guys. As Bond says, "No well-dressed man should be without one."



Little Nellie (*You Only Live Twice*): A miniature one-man helicopter that comes with machine guns, rocket launchers, smoke screen, flame throwers and aerial mines. This can all be broken down and shipped anywhere in the world in four big leather suitcases.

Lotus Esprit (*The Spy Who Loved Me*): When plunged into the water, this slick automobile becomes a submarine! It's equipped with harpoons, mines, a periscope and rocket launcher.

Magno-Watch (*Live and Let Die*): Pull the winding button of this classy timepiece and it emits a magnetic field strong enough to deflect a bullet. It takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'.

Exploding Key Ring (*The Living Daylights*): Whistle and the key ring makes a beeping noise so that it's easy to find. But if you whistle a special song, it emits stun gas. Whistle another tune and it explodes! That's the way to whistle while you work.

Pen Grenade (*GoldenEye*): Click it three times to activate an explosion in four seconds. To deactivate it, click it three more times. A pen like this is mightier than the sword, not to mention the door or a brick wall!

Bracelet Dart Launcher (*Moonraker*): One quick flip, and it fires an armor-piercing dart. If you don't need to pierce armor, it comes with cyanide-coated darts as well.

Safe Cracker (*On Her Majesty's Secret Service*): It looks like a suitcase, but you won't find socks and underwear inside. Instead, there's a sensor that fits over the dial of any safe and quickly calculates every possible combination—including the right one!

—Jeff Witzke

Cable Cutter

The hood ornament springs up to reveal a nasty tool that snaps any wires or cables that get in 007's way.



How'd They Do That?

By Kim Lockhart

Stunt designer Vic Armstrong explains how he and his crew created one of the most awesome stunts in *Tomorrow Never Dies*.

The Scene

The bad guys try to break into James Bond's high-tech BMW, parked in an eight-story parking garage. Bond sees this and uses his mobile phone—actually a remote control device for his car—to bring the car to him. As the BMW approaches, Bond dives into the back seat, still “driving” with his phone. When Bond finds his exit blocked, he drives back into the garage, then dives out of the car undetected. He then uses his phone to send the BMW off the roof—at almost 70 miles an hour! The BMW lands on the ground, crashing

through the windows of a car rental office. The bad guys think Bond is a goner, but he's really safe inside the garage.

The Secrets

A seat was removed to make room for a stuntman, who drove the car while lying flat on his back to remain hidden. To see, the driver looked at three video screens set up to show images from tiny cameras mounted on the car. He was seat-belted down and surrounded by air bags for protection.

Vic's team constructed a three-story building (doubling for the parking garage) with a ramp

behind it that the driver used to build up enough speed to get airborne. Three layers of boxes were set up on the ground to cushion the car's landing. The car landed on the boxes, crushing them—and its front end—before skidding into crates set up as a last line of defense to protect both the crew and their equipment. “We tried to save the car—which cost \$80,000—but that just didn't work,” Vic says.

“That's OK though, because the chase looks great!”



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There's a new kid on the block with brains, booby traps and burglar-busting bravery. Meet the supersneaky prankster protecting the neighborhood in *Home Alone 3*.

By Liz Smith
and Craig Warner



Photo: Michael Ochs Media/Getty Images

OH, NOOOO!

Another poor kid has been left home alone! But don't worry, he has lots of tricks up his sleeve. *Home Alone 3* stars Alex D. Linz, 8 (last seen in *One Fine Day*), and twice as many bad guys—four—as the first two *Home Alone* movies. Stuck home by himself because he's sick, Alex booby traps his entire house to prevent burglars from stealing a top-secret microchip hidden in his remote-controlled car.

D.A. met Alex at his favorite L.A. restaurant, to chat and chew. Not only does Alex have the same name as his *Home Alone* character, they're alike in other ways.



Alex (Alex D. Linz, top) protects his turf. Meanwhile Jernigan (Lenny Von Dohlen, bottom) is slip sliding away.

World of Alex D. Linz

Real-life Alex: Alex D. Linz

Pox or No Pox?

"I got the chicken pox when I was 2."

Animal Attraction

"I have a cat, Jake. I had a Chinese fighter fish, but Jake ate him."

Scary Situations

"My cousins and I were walking in my grandmother's attic when we fell through the floor and landed on my Aunt Jessica's bed! When I realized I was OK, I started laughing."

RC Racers

He wants a remote-controlled car—the kind that goes really fast, like 75 mph—for Christmas. "Some of my friends have them and we race them through cones and tracks we set up. It's really cool."

Movie Alex: Alex Pruitt

He gets the chicken pox, but his mom goes to work, so he's left home alone.

He owns a rat named Doris and an unnamed parrot.

The bad guys lift him up and plunk him down hard on a tool table with a bunch of saw blades behind him!

He owns a remote-controlled car that has a camcorder taped on top so he can see what's going on when he moves the car around.

"Sno joke—the bad guys get put on ice after falling for Alex's pranks!"



How would you do if you were home alone facing four big bad burglars? Turn the page to find out!

Home Alone—The Game!

Think you're lucky enough to outsmart four robbers?
Play D.A.'s *Home Alone 3* never-be-bored game to find out!

The Setup: You're home by yourself. Four burglars (Mr. Beaupre, Alice, Unger and Jernigan) break into your house to steal your remote-controlled car that contains a top-secret computer microchip the robbers planted in it. Your mission: Capture the burglars!

Supplies: Game pieces (M&Ms, pennies, micro action figures, etc.), one for each player; one die

Directions: Roll the die to see who goes first. Keep taking turns until a player reaches the finish line.



UNGER

Start

A one? Can't you do better than that? Roll again!

Unger gets electrocuted. Go ahead 4 spaces.

You've been outsmarted. You have to take the long way through the attic. Move to Unger space.

Alice slips. Move 2

Unger slips on the marbles you've hidden under the welcome mat. Move ahead 1 space.

LOSE A TURN!

You remove the bottom of the dumbwaiter so when Alice gets in it, she falls down the shaft! You fix the dumbwaiter, then ride it to the Doris the rat space.

LOSE A

Oh, no! Unger spotted the marbles. Go back 1 space!

ROLL AGAIN.

Alice gets hit in the head with the floorboards you've loosened. Go ahead 2 spaces.

Move an opponent back to Start—whoo hoo!

Jernigan sits on the booby-trapped chair and gets electrocuted. Go ahead 2 spaces.

You just sat on your own booby-trapped chair! Move your electrocuted self back 7 spaces!

DORIS

Alice falls while jumping over a fence. Now's your chance to run down the stairs. Move to the Alice space.

Switch game pieces with player to your left.

MR. BEAUPRE

Mr. Beaupre just opened a closet door and a boxer's glove clobbered him! Go ahead 2 spaces.

ROLL AGAIN.

You're stuck in the closet. Go back 2 spaces.

You got mud on your face, you're a big disgrace! Move back 1 space.

TURN!

Unger and Jernigan crash through a trampoline and into a pool of ice water. Go ahead 2 spaces.

You fall into the pool of ice. You need dry clothes. Go back 2 spaces.

Switch game pieces with person on your right—ouch!

Mr. Beaupre, hiding in the igloo chest, gets blown up by firecrackers. The cops catch all the burglars.

BAM!
HOORAY, YOU WIN!

Of Mice

One house, one mouse and two dim-witted brothers make for lotsa laughs in *Mouse Hunt*. Say cheese!

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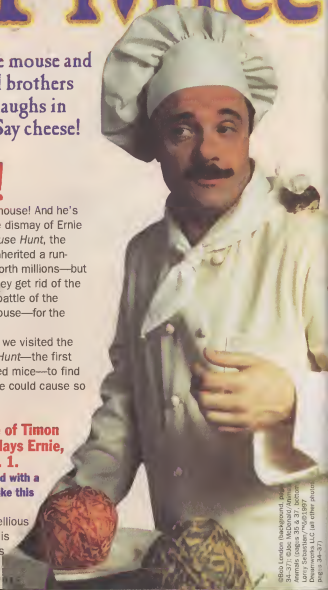
There's a mouse in the house! And he's not leaving, much to the dismay of Ernie and Lars Smuntz. In *Mouse Hunt*, the Smuntz brothers have inherited a run-down house—actually worth millions—but they can't sell it until they get rid of the mighty mouse. It's the battle of the decade—man versus mouse—for the rights to the house.

Risking life and limb, we visited the wrecked set of *Mouse Hunt*—the first movie to use live, trained mice—to find out how one little mouse could cause so much trouble.

Nathan Lane (voice of Timon in *The Lion King*) plays Ernie, Smuntz brother No. 1.

Have you ever been faced with a rebellious houseguest, like this mouse, in real life?

"No, I'm usually the rebellious houseguest. The mouse is not really rebellious, he's



and Men

By Kim Lockhart
and Liz Smith



Lars (Lee Evans, left) and Ernie (Nathan Lane) get "trapped."

Is it true 60 different mice play the mouse?

"Well, it depends on whether they've been left alone to multiply—there could be thousands! We have enough for an entire mouse film, and we even have mouse extras. The mice have been very nice, and very good about what they have to do."

How do the trainers make the mouse perform?

"If the mouse has to run somewhere, the animal trainers use a hair dryer to propel him out of his box. It's a little hair dryer, but to him it's like *Twister*. He's probably thinking, 'I didn't even

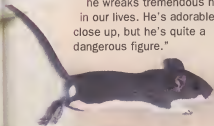
sort of protecting his home. And obviously the humor is he's three inches long, yet he wreaks tremendous havoc in our lives. He's adorable close up, but he's quite a dangerous figure."

want to be in show business, and now they're scaring the heck out of me with a giant hair dryer."

Boone Narr, the head mouse trainer, said the mice were named after the crew.

What is the Nathan mouse like?

"He's the most neurotic of all the mice. It takes a lot of coaxing to get him to act, but when he does, he's brilliant. And he's the one with a slight weight problem."



Do you consider yourself a cat person or a mouse person?

"I must say I've grown quite fond of the mice. If you saw one in your house, you would go, 'Ewwwww.' But I'm telling you, these mice are so sweet. They've been raised in Beverly Hills, so all they want to do is eat cheese and go shopping."

What's the grossest thing you've experienced making this movie?

"This movie is one humiliation after another. There's not a day that goes by where we have not been in mud or...you name it, we've been covered in it. There was an elaborate mixture of corn that was supposed to look like sewage...."

Was it cream corn?

"No, regular corn, like Niblets, and some sort of corn syrup. But it also had a grainy texture to it."

Why were you covered in corn?

"We had been chasing our nemesis, the mouse, with a vacuum cleaner. I shoved the hose into his mousehole to suck him into the vacuum cleaner. As he was about to be sucked in, he noticed a little sign on the wall: Septic Tank. He connected the hose to the tank, and the bag started filling up with sewage behind us. We thought we had gotten him, and then it exploded!"

What's been the hardest part of making this movie?

"The physical stuff. This is the



Another fine mess the Smuntz brothers have gotten into!

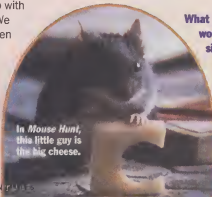
closest I'm ever gonna get to an action film. I'm very happy that it was done well, but I never want to go through this again as long as I live. Don't even think about *Mouse Hunt 2*."

If they made an Ernie action figure, what would it do?

"Scream! That's all we do in the movie."

What do you think Timon would do in this situation?

"Oh, I think Timon would have killed the mouse very early on. He and Pumbaa are much smarter than the Smuntz brothers."



In *Mouse Hunt*, this little guy is the big cheese.



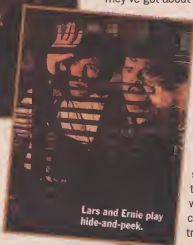
Lee Evans (*The Fifth Element*) plays Lars, Smuntz brother No. 2.

We hear the Smuntz brothers beat up on each other a lot in this movie.

"Well, I tend to hit Nathan a lot more than he hits me. He plays an angry character and to make him more angry, I accidentally hit him on the head with a mallet, a broom, different parts of machinery, doors...everything. I haven't been hit once."

Nathan doesn't hit you at all?

"He tried to strangle me once, but that's about it. I hit him on the hand with this huge meat mallet. He went 'Yeowl' and grabbed me round the throat."



Lars and Ernie play hide-and-peek.

This sounds like a painful movie.

"Every day I had pains here and there 'cause I like to do the stunts. In one sequence, we bring home a bathtub and are taking it up the stairs when we see the mouse, which frightens us. We fall into the bathtub, shoot down the stairs, out the door, down the hill, off a ledge and onto an icy pond, where we sink through the ice. It was really good fun, but it hurt."

What was it like working with the mice?

"It was all right. They're trained very well. They've got about 12 of them."

Twelve? They have 60 of them!

"Nooooooo?! There were two when we started! They're very clever. There's one mouse that's trained to walk around mousetraps. For one scene, the stunt guys set a thousand traps and we were stuck in a corner behind the traps. The mouse comes out of his hole

and just walks around all the traps. But we were stuck there all day!"

If you were a mouse, what would be the best food to bait you?

"I like burgers and milk shakes—any chance I get, I'll have one of those. That would get me outta my hole." ■

A Year We Won't

Think about the last 12 months. Has there ever been a weirder year? Here's one last look at the movies, celebrities and other wacky events that made 1997 unforgettable.

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Movie Madness

Most Essential Ingredients for a Blockbuster

Cool-looking aliens and a lead character in black clothing. This top-grossing formula worked for both *Men in Black* and the *Star Wars* Trilogy Special Editions.

Best Popsicle Impersonation

Those cheesy lines Arnold Schwarzenegger said as Mr. Freeze in *Batman & Robin* made us wish his freeze gun had sealed his lips closed.



Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith



Alien stars

n't Forget



Mr. Freeze

Most Painful Role

George, in *George of the Jungle*, had so many collisions—with trees, the ground, a boat, a streetlight, a cake—we completely lost count. Watch out for that....Ouch!

Ugliest Alien

What do you get when you cross a big cockroachlike alien with a very tall person's skin? Edgar (in human form), the *Men in Black* assassin. That squished-up extra skin around the neck was oh-so-groooooooss.



Icky Edgar



George in the jungle

Totally TV



"X-Files" meets
"The Simpsons"

Earliest Guest Appearance

David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson guest starred on "The Simpsons," giving fans a Sunday-night double dose of the weird and wacky.



Roseanne
meets
"3rd Rock"

Actor Most Likely to Be Seen in Weird Yet True

Jonathan Lipnicki ("Meego," *Jerry Maguire*). Didja know the human head weighs eight pounds? Didja know that all snowflakes have six sides? Thanks, Jonathan. We'll toss out our encyclopedias now.



Jonathan Lipnicki

Earliest Casting

Roseanne as Dick's wife on "3rd Rock From the Sun." We couldn't tell the difference between Roseanne as an alien and the mom she played on her own show.

Wild Music

Most Flavorful

The Spice Girls added more than a pinch of something new to the music scene. In addition to their two albums, movie, book and commercial endorsement, Girl Power made its mark on dolls, chocolate bars, lollipops, bedsheets, watches, miniskirts and stationery. Will a cookbook be next?



The Spice dolls

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Weird News



Puffy Combs

Most Puffed-Up Ego

"I'll Be Missing You" and "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down" ruled the airwaves, charts and MTV, thanks to Sean "Puffy" Combs. Just ask him. "I'm the man," says Puffy.



98°

Latest 411 on Band Names

Groups with numerical names added confusion to the music charts this year. Take a number: 98°, 702, 911, 112 and 311.

Most Bizarre Song

OMC's hit "How Bizarre" tells about two people on a road trip who get pulled over by a cop and then bump into a traveling circus at a gas station. But all we remember is the annoying chorus: "How bizarre, how bizarre, how bizarre."

Most Popular Pet

From Tamagotchis to Giga Pets, the air was filled with digital pests begging to be fed, cleaned, burped and walked. We could barely hear our cell phones over all that beeping!

Beep! Beep!



Biggest Space Case

Collisions, leaks, blackouts and breakdowns—it seems like every other week, another catastrophe occurred on the Mir Space Station.



Mir

Sneakiest Serpent

Japan's version of the Loch Ness monster reappeared this summer. Since 1973, about 100 locals have reported seeing the ee-l-like monster.

Most Unusual Science Project

Scientists created a lamb using DNA from an adult sheep in a process called cloning. We still think it would be more fun to have a real twin.

Double vision



Weird News



Elvis meets Barbie

Most Desirable Date for The King

The Barbie Loves Elvis gift set (created to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Elvis's death) flew out of Graceland's souvenir shops at a rate of one every two to three minutes. We wonder if Ken will take singing lessons to try and get his girl back.

Most Suitable for Deep Space

Last spring, "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry became part of the first-ever space burial when his ashes were blasted into orbit

aboard a U.S. rocket. Reaching Deep Space Nine isn't likely—within 10 years, the capsule containing his ashes will drop out of orbit.



Boldly going...

Costliest Carnivore

A museum spent \$8.26 million dollars for Sue, the most complete fossilized skeleton of a T. rex ever found. Good thing she's dead—if she knew her worth, the shock would kill her!

Sue rex



Captain America

Comics Craze

Most Heroic Rescue

To shake things up, superhero creators tried out new versions of the Avengers, Fantastic Four, Captain America and Iron Man. Bad idea—readers got so confused that the original characters had to come back and rescue them.

Most Shocking New Outfit

"Comics fans protested in super numbers when Superman got a new electric-blue costume. Why the new look? "Wouldn't you want to change your underwear after 60 years?" says DC executive editor Mike Carlin. ■

Star Trek: Paramount; Barbie: Mattel; T. rex: American Museum of Natural History; Captain America: Marvel

The Secret World of Spies

By Colleen O'Connor



THE **adventure**
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In the cloak-and-dagger world of spies, nothing is as it appears. Lipsticks turn into pistols, wristwatches conceal cameras—and danger always lurks nearby. To stay a step ahead of enemy agents, a successful spy needs brains, courage, luck...and some cool gadgets, of course. Your mission, should you choose to accept it: Turn the page!

Spies Like Us

Are you cut out for a career in espionage? Our special spy manual contains the inside info you need to become a super secret agent. Just follow these 10 tips of the trade, and you'll be on your way!



1) Use Your Head

Spies must be determined, resourceful and alert. But above all, a good agent needs plain common sense.

Russian spy Gordon Lonsdale is famous in spy circles for his carelessness. He thought he was too smart to get caught, but he did some really dumb things. Lonsdale always met fellow spies at the same place and time. (Dumb move No. 1!) In London, he often visited the house of the people who transmitted his spy reports to Moscow. (Dumb move No. 2!) And when suspicious authorities raided his own house, they

found lots of spy gear. (Dumb move No. 3!) In 1961, Lonsdale was sent to prison in Britain for 25 years.

2) Keep a Low Profile

The last thing a spy wants is to attract attention while on assignment. A secret agent must blend in with everybody else, especially behind enemy lines. See if you can head undercover and fool your friends with these disguise tips:

- A hat and a pair of sunglasses can help hide your face and change your overall appearance. You can also wear a wig or dye your hair a different color.

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3) Learn a Foreign Language

The greatest secret agents speak many different languages because they have to go undercover in countries around the world. If you want to become a spy, pick a few countries you'd like to work in. Then check out some language books from the library and learn to say: "Follow that car!"

4) Create a Cover

A great spy needs a great cover—a job that gives you good reasons for being at a certain place at a certain time. Throughout history, creative spies have gone undercover with jobs such as traveling cheese peddlers, lacemakers, jukebox salesmen and reporters. These jobs allowed the spies to travel the country easily, picking up information without making anyone suspicious.

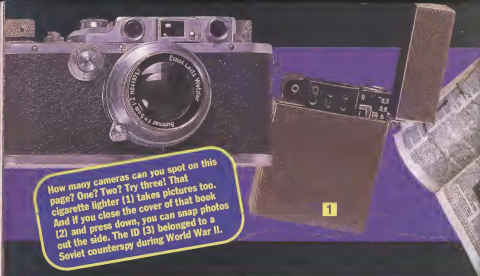
5) Pay Attention!

A smart spy needs to know what's going on around her. During the Civil War, 18-year-old Belle Boyd started spying for the Confederate Army after Union officers took over her family's house. The officers talked openly about their plans right in front of Belle because they never imagined she could cause them any trouble. But she did! Belle passed on the information she overheard to Southern officers. One time, she marched right through an artillery battle to meet General Stonewall Jackson himself. It didn't matter that bullets were flying—or that Belle's white apron and sunbonnet made her an easy target. She was on a mission.

● Wear loose-fitting clothes or two layers to make yourself look heavier. Slump your shoulders forward to make yourself look shorter.

● No spy wardrobe is complete without a pair of khaki pants. You can dress them up with a nice shirt or switch to the casual look with a T-shirt—all without changing your pants.

Eavesdrop on your enemies—and tape their conversations—with the audio-surveillance briefcase (1). Then snap some secret pictures with a high-powered zoom lens (2) or wristwatch camera (3). You can also keep an ear on your partner with the special transmitter pen (4).



6) Don't Double-Cross Your Friends

During World War I, German spies enlisted the help of a well-known dancer named Mata Hari. Her exotic shows attracted attention all over Europe, especially in Paris, where she made friends with French officers. Eager to impress her, the men shared military secrets—which Mata gave to the Germans.

But Mata knew little about the art of spying, and soon the French caught on to her act. Mata's punishment? Execution.

7) Zip Your Lips

Daniel Defoe, author of *Robinson Crusoe*, knew how to keep a secret. In 1704, he organized England's first real Secret Service.

Defoe hired spies for their intelligence and their ability to carry out instructions with great secrecy. The next time somebody tells you a secret—no matter how juicy—see how long you can keep it to yourself.

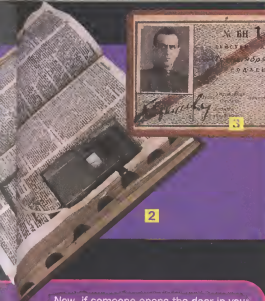
8) Always Know Your Surroundings

Spies need to know their way around. So practice making maps of your home, school and neighborhood. Time how long it takes you to ride your bike from your house to your favorite hangout spot. Then find some alternate routes. That way, you'll have a better chance of ditching the enemy—or at least that annoying kid who lives down the street.

9) Watch Out for Counterspys

How do you know if someone is spying on you? Let's say you suspect that your little brother has been snooping around your room. Here's one way to find out:

As you leave your room, hold a toothpick in place at an angle between the door and the doorjamb, about a foot or two from the floor. Then shut the door on the toothpick, snapping it in half. Pick up the piece that falls to the floor. The other half will remain stuck in the door.



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Now, if someone opens the door in your absence, the rest of the toothpick will fall to the floor, where you should find it when you return.

10) Get the Right Gadgets

Anti-Spy Phone This super tricky telephone detects bugs, taps and tape recorders. The indicator dial tells you if somebody is eavesdropping. Then you can turn the tables and feed that person all sorts of false info.

Camera Lighter This mini-camera looks like a cigarette lighter, but it also takes photos.

Telephone Voice Changer Disguise your voice with this gadget. Just attach it to your phone, choose between two different voice tones, and start talking.

Fountain Pen Transmitter This ordinary-looking pen lets your partner listen in on your conversations with the enemy from up to 100 feet away. (Plus, you can write with it!)

Spy Speak

If you're gonna be a spy, you gotta know the slang.

ALIAS. A fake name. "That spy always has an alias. One day he's John Doe, the next he's George Smith."

BIG DADDY. The National Security Agency. "That guy works for Big Oaddy."

BUG. A secret electronic listening device. "Watch what you say. This building has a lot of bugs."

BURN. To reveal a spy's true identity. "If we can burn that agent, we'll crack the case."

COBBLER. Someone who makes fake passports. "We'll need to visit the cobbler before we leave the country."

COVER. A fake (but believable) identity. "John Doe's cover? He's a traveling salesman from North Dakota."

DEAD DROP. A secret hiding place to leave info for another agent. "When I break the code, I'll leave a note at the dead drop."

FUMIGATE. To rid a room of bugs. "Fumigate this place so we can talk in private."

MOLE. A spy employed by one agency while secretly working for another. "The enemy is on to us—ohmygosh, they must have a mole!"

SHOE. A fake passport. "I picked up our shoes from the cobbler. Now let's go to the airport."

V X V S H E W H Y H U B R Q H .

Code Busters

PHHW PE DW PLGQLJKW.

Say what?! Your special contact has just handed you a message with a bunch of letters that make no sense at all. Duh—that's because it's written in secret code!

Cryptography—that's the scientific term for codes and ciphers—has been around at least 2,000 years. (The name comes from two Greek words: *kryptos* means "hidden" and *graphein* means "to write.") The Roman general Julius Caesar invented a secret code called the Caesar Cipher. He replaced each letter of the alphabet with the third letter after it, so that a=d, b=e, c=f...you get the idea.

To use this code, first write out the alphabet. Then below it, write out the alphabet again, only shifted a few spaces. (You can use any number of spaces you want.) For example, the words "enemy agent" read HQHPB DJHQW when written in Caesar Cipher. Now test your spy skill by decoding the



message at the top of this story. Then see if you are able to decode the secret tip running along the bottom of pages 44-49.

With 26 letters and 10 numbers, you can create all kinds of codes and combinations. But remember, it's the electronic age: Computers can now crack



A spy must have nerves of steel—especially when sneaking a peek at top-secret documents.

Secret Ciphers

Try cracking these other spy codes.

Zigzag Writing

It's just like it sounds—the first letter up, the second letter down, the third letter up, etc....So, to decode DSEAVNUE-INYDETRS, you would write the first part (before the hyphen) on one line and the second part (after the hyphen) underneath it, shifted slightly to the right. Then you would connect the letters with your pen. Try this now.

D S E A V N U E
I N Y D E T R S

Open Code

This kind of code doesn't look like a code at all—it seems like an ordinary message. Suppose a friend passes you a note in class like the one below. To decipher it, take the first letter of each sentence and put them together.

"Are you coming to basketball practice? Bob says you're feeling better. Our scrimmage yesterday was pretty good. Remember to bring my geography notes. That test is gonna be way hard. Maybe we can study tomorrow after school. If not, maybe Thursday. Say, you wanna go to that party Saturday? Sounds like it could be fun. Is your brother going? Oh, man—this class is putting me to sleep! Nobody could make history more boring than Mrs. Snodgrass."

a code in seconds by racing through all the possibilities. If the Romans had computers, Caesar's Cipher would have never stood a chance! ■

Caesar Cipher: Meet me at midnight.
Zigzag code: Disney Adventures
Open code: Abort mission.
Secret tip: Never let them see you sweat.
Trust no one; suspect everyone.
Watch your back and adventure on!

Answers:

P N D Q G D G Y H Q W X U H R Q !



Everybody loves to predict the future. But when the future arrives, a lot of those predictions end up sounding pretty silly. Just take a look at these wacky forecasts from the past. We predict you can't resist.

By Lambeth Hochwald

BLAST FROM

"Babe Ruth made a great mistake when he gave up pitching. He might have become a great star."—*Baseball player Tris Speaker, after Ruth switched to the outfield full-time in 1919*

The Real Story: Some mistake! By the time he retired in 1935, the Babe had slammed 714 career home runs (a record that stood for almost 40 years). He even had a candy bar named after him.



"The telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication."
—*Officials at Western Union Telegraph Company after Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876*

The Real Story: The 411 on phones? There are an estimated 240 million of 'em in the U.S.—plus another 50 million cellular phones.

Courtesy of the National Baseball Library & Archive, Cooperstown, New York (Babe Ruth); Getty Images, Inc. (phone, laptop & Munk); John Zimmerman/Curtis/Casara Press/Alamy (Bees); Courtesy of NASA (Neil Armstrong)

"Computers in the future...may weigh only 1.5 tons."—Popular Mechanics magazine, 1949

The Real Story: Yikes! And we thought lugging around our 10-pound laptops was a pain.



"The Beatlemania phenomenon that began in England last year is slowly coming to a halt." —A music critic for the Baltimore News American, 1965

The Real Story: As if! By the time the Fab Four broke up in 1970, they had recorded 20 No. 1 hits—the most from any band ever.



THE PAST

Man will never reach the moon, "regardless of any future scientific advances." —Well-known scientist Dr. Lee DeForest, 1957

The Real Story: Hmmm, guess somebody forgot to tell astronaut Neil Armstrong. On July 20, 1969, Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon. Next stop, Mars!



What are your predictions for the future? Let us know! Write to us at Mailbox/DISNEY ADVENTURES, P.O. Box 861, New York, NY 10113-0861.

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Going to *Extremes*

What's New at the Winter X Games

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The Chill of Victory

ACTION

Go with the snow—the Winter X Games are back! This year, they'll be more extreme than ever, thanks to three new and totally bizarre events.

By Phil Barber

Free Skiing

OK, you've seen ski races: Athletes swoosh down a mountain one at a time, and the fastest event has an X twist: Six racers blast down the slope—all at the same time. It's hard enough to steer



Skiboarding

To get the feel of this sport, imagine inline skating in your favorite parking lot—after

the worst blizzard of the century. Skiboarding features athletes with a skateboard attached to each foot (above). Sliding around on these short planks, which are curled and tapered on both ends, enables competitors to perform all kinds of flips, twists and other stunts—and spectacular, snow-munching wipeouts. Yay!

Snowmobile Sno Cross

For those who like their races with a little motorized action, the Winter X Games has added the snowmobile sno cross, as you can guess from the name, it's like motocross but on a snowmobile. Competitors take a fast and furious ride on an up and down half-mile track. The track gets pretty jammed, with up to six riders scooting around the course. But they wouldn't run one another off the road or anything—would they?

Winter X Games

When	January 15-18
Where	Colorado
Who	More than 200 competitors
What they do	Compete in a variety of events in snowboarding, ice climbing, snow mountain bike racing, snowmobile sno cross, ski boarding and free skiing.
What they win	Gold, silver and bronze medals; \$200,000 in prize money
TV Coverage	ESPN2

clear of trees, rocks and snow mounds while jetting down a steep incline, let alone five other crazed skiers. The one who makes it to the bottom first—in the piece—is the winner.

Highlights From the 1997 Games

Youngest competitor: Snow

mountain bike racer Ryan White, 16

Oldest competitor: Ice climber John

Bouchard, 44

Coldest temperature: -320 degrees,

in man-made environment used to

build the ice wall for ice climbing

Most extreme trick: Snowboarder

Jim Rippey's double backflip

Unhappiest athlete: Jim Rippey,

when he failed to complete his

double backflip!

Best all-around athlete: Shaun

Palmer, who won two gold medals—

one in snow mountain bike racing,

the other in snowboarding

Year of the Tiger

A look back at the sporting highlights—and lowlights—of the past year. By Deborah Barnes and Sean Plattner

Tiger growled.



Athletes of the Year

Tiger Woods. The prince of the links single-handedly made golf cool, especially with his stunning Masters victory.

Martina Hingis. The 16-year-old superathlete dominated

tennis, breezing through three of the four Grand Slam tournaments (Wimbledon, the Australian Open and the U.S. Open). And she made the French Open finals—even though she had just had knee surgery a few weeks before.

Welcome Back Award

Roger Clemens. Many figured the Toronto Blue Jays hurler was past his prime. But this season Roger the Rocket was the best pitcher in baseball.

Men Behaving Badly Award

Boxer Mike Tyson. After the "Bite of the Century," in which he nibbled off the top of Evander Holyfield's ear, he'll always be known as more chump than champ.



Rocket returned.

The Best Thing on Wheels

Jeff Gordon. With his movie-star looks and a cool car, he gets more endorsement offers than anyone in auto racing. Oh, and he wins a heck of a lot of races, too!



Jeff zoomed.



The Broncos fumbled—on fashion.

Worst Dressed

The Denver Broncos in their new uniforms.

Those curvy stripes, or whatever they are, look weird. And when the players line up and crouch, they look like a row of commas.

Best Race

Ron Griffey Jr. and Mark McGwire slugged it out in a season-long pursuit of the home run record set by Roger Maris in 1961.

David Cannon/Allsport; ©1996 Duomo; William Saffel/©1997 Quomo; Otto Chaste/Allsport (clockwise from left)



The Doctor dominated.

Quickest Leap to a Hall of Fame

Mario Lemieux.

He retired from the Pittsburgh Penguins just last season. But the NHL waived its usual three-year waiting period

and elected him to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Biggest Crybaby

New York Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson. He complained about his team, his coach, his playing time—and even wrote a book to get a bigger audience for his whining.

Best Do

Venus Williams.

The stuffy tennis world can't stop talking about her eye-boggling beads.

Best

Makeover

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Their old uniforms never looked very tough. With new duds, the Bucs looked meaner and played better!

It's About Time Award

The WNBA. Women finally got their own big-time, monster-hyped, fan-packed pro basketball league.

Go-To Award

Michael Jordan. Always. When the game's on the line, when the pressure's on, there's no one else you'd rather have handling the rock.

Best Name

Peerless Price, wide receiver, University of Tennessee. When they named him, his parents must have known he'd grow up to be a flashy football star.

Best Nickname

Doctor "16V" Khumalo, Columbus Crew, Major League Soccer. The South African soccer superstar blows by his opponents like a car with a 16-valve engine.

Runner-up: Randy "the Freak" Moss, receiver, Marshall University. His moves are so amazing, he's downright unnatural.

Best Moonlighter

Jackie Joyner-Kersey. She plans to retire in 1998, but last year she pulled double duty. She dashed past the competition in track events and also dribbled past opponents in the women's pro American Basketball League.

Worst Team

The Prairie View A&M Panthers, Prairie View, Texas. At presstime, the worst team in NCAA football had stretched its losing streak to 73 games. Yikes!

Best Uniform Number

Jackie Robinson's 42. Baseball retired his number 50 years after he became the first African-American to play in the major leagues. No new player will ever wear it again.



The WNBA scored.

Venus made a racquet.



ACTION

Most Overrated Hideki Irabu.

The New York Yankees signed this Japanese phenom for \$12.8 million, and what did they get? An "average pitcher," according to opposing batters.

Funniest Blooper Deion Sanders, Cincinnati Reds.

When the leftfielder attempted to catch a fly ball in one game, it plopped him right on the noggin. Now that's using your head!

Most Painful Injury

Jerry Rice, receiver, San Francisco 49ers. When Rice got hurt in the first game of the season, football lost its greatest star for the whole year.



Jerry went down.

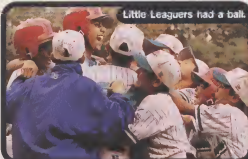
Patience Is a Virtue Award

The Detroit Red Wings. The long-suffering Wings won the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup Championship for the first time in 42 years.

Best Home Run

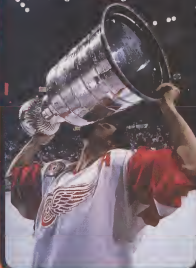
Gabriel Alvarez, the Little League World Series Championship (our apologies to

Mark McGuire and Ken Griffey Jr.). Alvarez broke up a no-hitter with a three-run blast in the sixth inning to lead his Guadalupe, Mexico, team to a championship win over Mission Viejo, California.



Little Leaguers had a ball.

The Wings were kings—at last.



Who Cares? Award

Interleague baseball. It was mildly interesting back in June, but downright ho-hum by July.

Best Acrobat

Jim Edmunds, centerfielder, Anaheim Angels.

The often airborne Edmunds had a season of unbelievable diving catches and wall crashes. Sure, it's baseball, but this guy should wear football pads!

Whaddaya Think?

We want to know what you think about our monthly ESPN Action section. If you write and tell us, you could be one of 25 lucky respondents who'll be selected at random to receive a cool, mini-football emblazoned with the ESPN Action and Disney Adventures logos!

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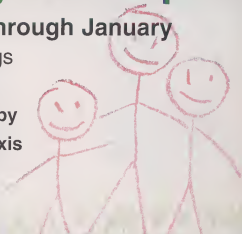
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Mini Cowboys

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Cheers to Barbie

● Who's got the most school spirit? Cheerleader **Barbie**. The do-it-all doll now comes

set to tumble and flip dressed in 19 different college colors, including those of nationally ranked schools like Penn State and the University of Tennessee. Just wait till you see her do splits!

Puck Patrol

● National Hockey League stars spring into action with Playmates' **Pro Zone** sports line. These action figures are big, too—so now you can have the likes of superstars Jaromir Jagr, Patrick Roy and Mark Messier face off against Barbie!

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'Tis the season for toys. But will the goodies you get this year still be around next holiday season? Take our quiz to find out if you're a toy killer. For each item below, choose the answer that best describes your toy-keeping habits:

1. Your favorite toy from last year is

- a. still in its package, sitting on a shelf.
- b. under your bed somewhere.
- c. being used as a doorstop in the kitchen.

2. Your family goes on a road trip and you

- a. ask a friend to take care of your Barbie while you're gone.
- b. leave Barbie alone in her vacation home.
- c. bring Barbie along and use her as a weapon during backseat fights with your brother.

3. Your G.I. Joe is

- a. standing guard over your toy box.
- b. trapped behind enemy lines in your older brother's room.
- c. missing in action.

4. Your toy trains are

- a. set up once a year for the holidays and then carefully put away.
- b. used as public transit for your sister's dolls.
- c. scrap metal after numerous head-on collisions.

5. When you get a new Hot Wheels car you

- a. arrange it neatly in your collector's case.
- b. take it on some high-speed laps around your house.
- c. give it some "design modifications," go off-roading in your backyard and bury it in a pile of dirt.

6. The joystick for your video games

- a. still has hair-trigger accuracy.
- b. won't work without your "special" touch.
- c. is a bundle of cords and wires.

7. When not in a game, your basketball is

- a. in a hallowed spot on your shelf.
- b. in the bushes, where it rolled after your last game.
- c. being used for soccer, kickball and any other activity requiring a round object.

8. In your dollhouse

- a. the rooms are cleaner and neater than your own bedroom.
- b. furniture from the bathroom and kitchen is often used in the living room.
- c. everyone sits, sleeps and eats on the floor because you lost the furniture ages ago.

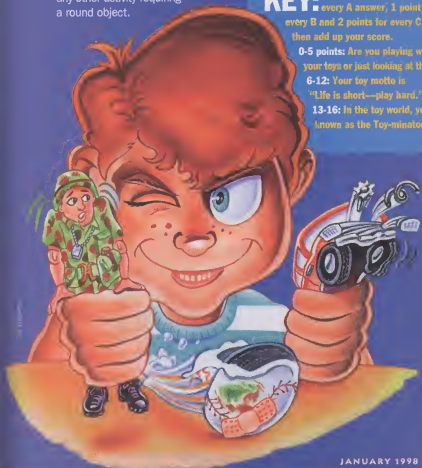
KEY: Give yourself 0 points for every A answer, 1 point for every B and 2 points for every C, then add up your score.

0-5 points: Are you playing with your toys or just looking at them?

6-12: Your toy motto is

"Life is short—play hard."

13-16: In the toy world, you're known as the Toy-minator.



COOL STUFF

Your gotta-have-it guide

GO, JOE!

Millions of kids and collectors can't be wrong—G.I. Joe is the "Real American Hero" of the action figure world! Read on for the highlights of his 33-year career as America's top military toy.

1964

G.I. Joe debuts as the world's first action figure. He stands 11½ inches tall and boasts 21 moving parts and lifelike hair.

1977

Joe shrinks to a new eight-inch size as "Super Joe" blasts into space to defend the universe.

1982

G.I. Joe hits the battlefield at just under four inches tall—the action figure size we've since come to know, love and lose in our messy rooms.

1994

Joe turns 30! To celebrate, "G.I. Joe 30th Salute" collectible figures are released in 3½-inch and 12-inch sizes. Fewer than 10,000 12-inch African-American soldiers are produced, making it the most wanted figure in this series.

1995-1996

To collect or play? Now it's easier to decide. Ultra-buff "G.I. Joe Extreme" figures—designed for play—stand 5½ inches. Collectors go for "G.I. Joe Classic" (left) 12-inch figures.

Courtesy of the upcoming book, *G.I. Joe: The Story of America's Favorite Men of Action*, by John Miching, Chronicle Books, available Spring 1998. (Clockwise from top row, left & center & bottom)



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Wayne's World

Hockey superstar Wayne Gretzky has so many cool moves, he often leaves opponents frozen on the ice. But D.A. caught up with the Great One to get the inside story on the new *Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey*.

How did you help create this game?

"I made sure it's realistic so kids feel like they're part of the NHL. The creators filmed me and some friends in a studio performing different moves. We were digitized and put directly into the game."

Continued on page 68

The NHL's all-time leading scorer gets into the action on Nintendo 64 and PlayStation platforms.



TECHNOMANIA

Tune in, turn on, get wired

That sounds painful

"Nah. That means instead of hockey uniforms, we wore bodysuits covered with special sensors to record our moves in 3-D. Illustrators later made the players look real."

Will this game help make someone a better real-life hockey player?

"It won't make you a better skater or shooter, but it will help you understand game strategy. You have to know the players and what they can do."

Can you beat Wayne Gretzky on-screen?

"No. I'm not used to video games—I have trouble with the joystick and using both thumbs at the same time. But my 7-year-old son, Ty, is a good video game player and can beat Wayne Gretzky on-screen any day."

What do you want to read about in Technomania?
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Play Like a Pro

Turn yourself into an on-screen version of the Great One with these tips from the game's makers.

After the opening face-off, take the first shot from your opponent's blue line. This will give you a super-quick start and a great chance for a rebound. You may even score!

When skating with the puck, make your passes close to the net. This will put your teammates in a better position to score and give the opposing goalie less time to react.

When you see the "Power Shot" icon, shoot from right in front of the net. If you score, the goalie falls backward and the net drops on top of him. If you score from the wing, the net bursts into flames.

What's the best way to keep the other team from scoring? Stop six shots in a row and your goalie turns into a brick wall!

—Jason R. Rich and Craig Warner



He shoots, he scores!

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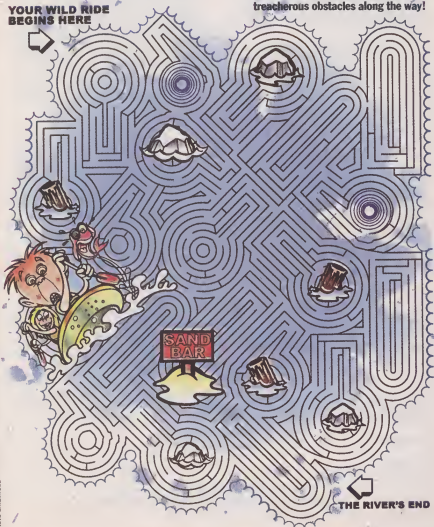
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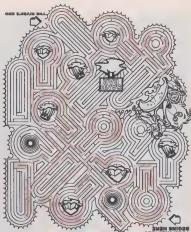
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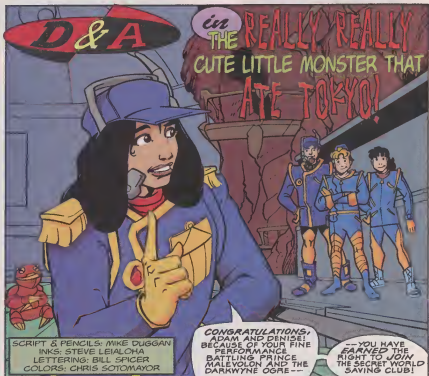
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CONGRATULATIONS,
ADAM AND DENISE!
BECAUSE OF YOUR FINE
PERFORMANCE
BATTLING PRINCE
MALEVOLON AND THE
DARKWYNE OGRE --

-- YOU HAVE
EARNED THE
RIGHT TO JOIN
THE SECRET WORLD
SAVING CLUB!


THESE UNIFORMS
ARE GREAT.
THEY'RE MORE
COMFORTABLE THAN
THEY LOOK!

ALL RIGHT! NOW WE
GET TO FIGHT ALIENS
AND OTHER WEIRD
THINGS --
LEGITIMATELY!

THAT'S CORRECT, ADAM. BUT
FIRST YOU MUST BE
INITIATED INTO THE SWSC
BY LEARNING OUR RULES,
REGULATIONS, HISTORY AND
SPECIAL CODES.



NOW, IN ORDER TO BE
OPERATIVE MEMBERS,
YOU MUST FIRST LEARN
OUR HISTORY!



YOU SEE, THE SWSC HAS EXISTED
FOR CENTURIES! WE'VE STOOD
AS EARTH'S LAST DEFENSE
AGAINST ALL SORTS OF
VILLAINS!

YOU'VE ALREADY MET
THE DARKWYNE
OGRE...

DOCTOR FERAL WAS
ONCE A KINDLY SCIENTIST
WHO HOPED TO HELP THE
EARTH BY UNDERSTANDING
ANIMALS. BUT ONE OF HIS
EXPERIMENTS WENT
AWRY, TRANSFORMING
HIM INTO A HIDEOUS
MAN-BEAST. HE NOW
BELIEVES THAT ALL
HUMANITY IS HIS ENEMY.

THE ULTIMATE
MACHINE IS A
BIZARRE
ROBOT WHO WAS
PROGRAMMED
TO BELIEVE
THE EARTH BELONGS
TO THE MACHINES.

...AND PRINCE MALEVOLON.
HE'S THE EVIL LEADER OF THE
PLANET TWYLO---A WORLD
THAT HAS BEEN TRYING TO
CONQUER EARTH
FOR GENERATIONS.

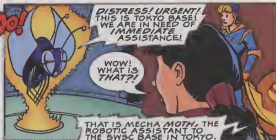
THE PRATTLER!
NO ONE KNOWS
WHERE HE CAME
FROM, BUT HE
HAS THE POWER
TO CONTROL OUR
MINDS WITH HIS
VOICE.

THE DOLLMAKER!
A BRILLIANT, EVIL
INVENTOR WHO HOPES
TO USURP GOODNESS
WITH AN ARMY OF
ANDROIDS.

AND THAT'S JUST
THE BEGINNING
OF THE DANGERS
THE SWSC
FACES.



ARROOO!



DISTRESS! URGENT!
THIS IS TOKYO BASE!
WE ARE IN NEED OF
IMMEDIATE
ASSISTANCE!

THAT IS MECHA MOTH, THE
ROBOTIC ASSISTANT TO
THE SWSC BASE IN TOKYO.



REQUESTING
IMMEDIATE
ASSISTANCE!

KITORA HAS
ESCAPED FROM
MONSTERLAND
ISLAND--

--AND IS
ABOUT TO
ARRIVE IN
TOKYO!



THIS IS KITORA! HE'S
VERY DANGEROUS!
PROCEED WITH
CAUTION!



THAT'S THE
MENACE
YOU'RE SO
WORRIED
ABOUT!

OH, LOOK AT THAT
LITTLE FACE! HE'S
SO CUTE!

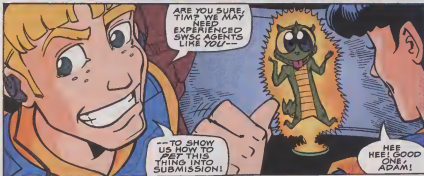
THAT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE MUCH
OF A THREAT,
COMMANDER
MARIA.

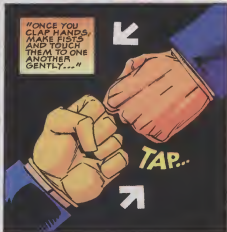
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE
SWSC PERSONNEL
SHORTAGE IN
TOKYO--

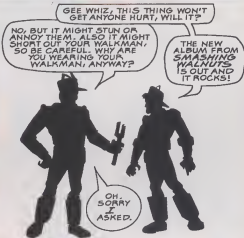
--I'D BET THEY
WOULDN'T
EVEN
BE WORRIED
ABOUT THIS.



ACTUALLY, THIS MIGHT MAKE A GOOD TRAINING EXERCISE FOR DENISE AND ADAM!







BOY, CAPTAIN TIM'S MUCH BETTER WITH THAT TELEPORTER THINGIE THAN YOU, DENISE. WE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO THE NORTH POLE EVEN ONCE.



YEAH, WELL, HE'S HAD PRACTICE!

HEY!

WEREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO APPEAR AT THE BASE IN TOKYO?



YES, THIS IS WHERE IT USED TO BE.

WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?!

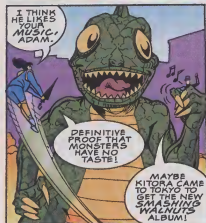
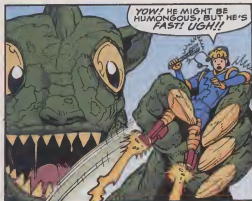
HE DID IT...



KITORA KICKED IT OVER!







NO PROBLEM! I'M SURE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE KITORA WITH ALL THE BATTERIES HE'LL EVER NEED!



AND SO, AFTER SOME NEGOTIATIONS WITH BAFFLED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS--



--OUR HEROES RETURN TO H.Q.

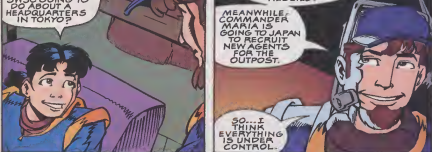
NOW THAT KITORA HAS GONE HOME, WHAT IS THE SWSC GOING TO DO ABOUT A HEADQUARTERS IN TOKYO?



WE'LL OPERATE OUT OF OUR KYOTO BASE WHILE WE REBUILD.

MEANWHILE, COMMANDER MARIA IS GOING TO JAPAN TO RECRUIT NEW AGENTS FOR THE OUTPOST.

SO... I THINK EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL.



"AND, OF COURSE, MECHA-MOTH HAS AGREED TO LIVE ON MONSTERLAND ISLAND WITH KITORA-- TO KEEP A FRESH SUPPLY OF BATTERIES IN THAT WALKMAN."



"KITORA WASN'T SO BAD. HE JUST NEEDED SOME NEW TUNES-- AND, MAYBE, SOMEONE TO TALK TO."

"IT JUST GOES TO SHOW-- SOMETIMES A RAMPAGING MONSTER ISN'T ALL HE'S CRACKED UP TO BE!"

END

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PEPPER ANN

in

SOME COOL

Seventh grade: it rules, but it's not exactly the Easiest time in life I've ever had. Here's the stuff that helps me get by.

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"Spark My Cornflake"

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PLAY.

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My own worst enemy.
She always has my
back. She also kicks
my butt. Basically
she's my biggest fan
and my harshest critic.
Every time I look in
the mirror, there she
is -- and she's always
got an opinion.



BONE

I HEAR YOU KNOCKIN'

BY JEFF SMITH

GRAN'MA?!
WHAT'S GOING
ON?!

IN THE LAST ISSUE:

WHEN THE
HOODED ONE
FOUND OUT THE
BONES WERE IN
THE VALLEY, HE
SUMMONED A
HIGH COUNCIL
MEETING
ORDERING THE
RAT CREATURES
TO ATTACK THE
FARMHOUSE AND
DESTROY THE
INHABITANTS.

WHERE
ARE
THEY?

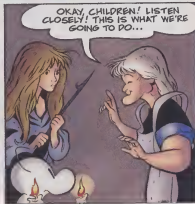
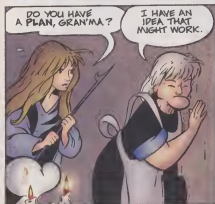
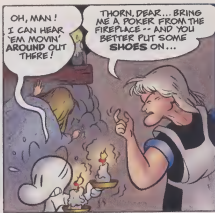
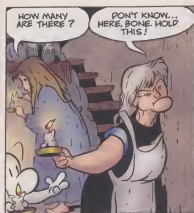
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THE HOUSE HURRY
DOWN HERE!

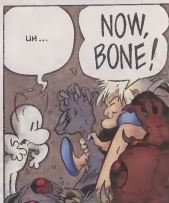
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DO YOU THINK
IT'S SAFE TO HAVE
ALL THESE LIGHTS
BURNIN'?
MAYBE WE
SHOULD
DOUSE 'EM!

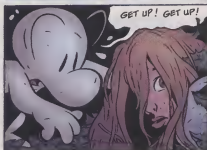
NO. TH' LIGHTS
ARE KEEPIN'
TH' MONSTERS
BACK!

IF IT WAS DARK IN HERE, AN' THE
RAT CREATURES THOUGHT WE WERE
ASLEEP -- WE'D BE
DEAD
RIGHT NOW.















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TO THE RIGHT,
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